

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been examined. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-7 and 11-12 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,806,005 to Hull et al. ("Hull") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,903,309 to Anderson ("Anderson").

A. Claim 1

Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 3 into claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

B. Claims 2, 13 and 14

Since claims 13 and 14 are dependent upon claim 1, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. In addition, since claim 2 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant submits that the rejection of such claim is now moot.

C. Claim 8

Applicant submits that claim 8 is patentable over the cited references. For example, claim 8 recites an *image data memory apparatus* having a “reduction image data forming means for forming reduction image data according to the image data.”

Since the Examiner has indicated that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter, where claim 3 recites, “wherein the reduction image data forming means is provided in the image data memory apparatus,” Applicant submits that claim 8 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 3.

D. Claim 9

Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 11 into claim 9. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 9 is patentable over the cited references.

E. Claim 10

Since claim 10 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant submits that the rejection of such claim is now moot.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Allowable Subject Matter

As stated above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-7 and 11-12 contain allowable subject matter. As set forth above, the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1, and the subject matter of claim 11 has been incorporated into claim 9.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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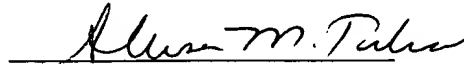
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